

Mill Levy Facts

Calculating the City mill levy requirement. A mill is \$1 of tax for every \$1,000 of assessed value on real and personal property. The mill levy is recalculated every year and is based on the tax dollars needed for financing the City budget.

First, the City (the taxing district) arrives at a total amount for expenditures in the taxing funds. In Wichita these funds are the General Fund and the Debt Service Fund. After expenditure totals are known, all other revenue sources (non-property taxes and fees) are subtracted. The remainder is the amount to be raised from ad valorem (property) taxes.

The tax levy rate is calculated by dividing the total revenue to be obtained from property taxes by the total assessed value for the taxing district. The table below shows the 1998 tax year rates, which are used to finance the 1999 budget.

<i>Tax Rates (Based on 1999 Estimated Values) for the 2000 Budget Year</i>		
Assessed valuation (\$)	1,908,320,380	
	Tax Dollars to be Levied (Including Delinquencies)	Mill Levy
General Fund	40,553,720	21.253
Debt Service Fund	19,087,020	10.002
Total	59,640,740	31.253

A City residential property owner will pay taxes to support the City budget, based on the market value of the owner's property, times the assessment ratio (11.5% for residential property), times the tax levy rate (mills divided by 1,000), as illustrated in the three examples below. Rates for other properties are: commercial, 25%; real used by nonprofits, 12%; public utility, 33%; vacant lots, 12%; agricultural use, 30%; all others, 30%.

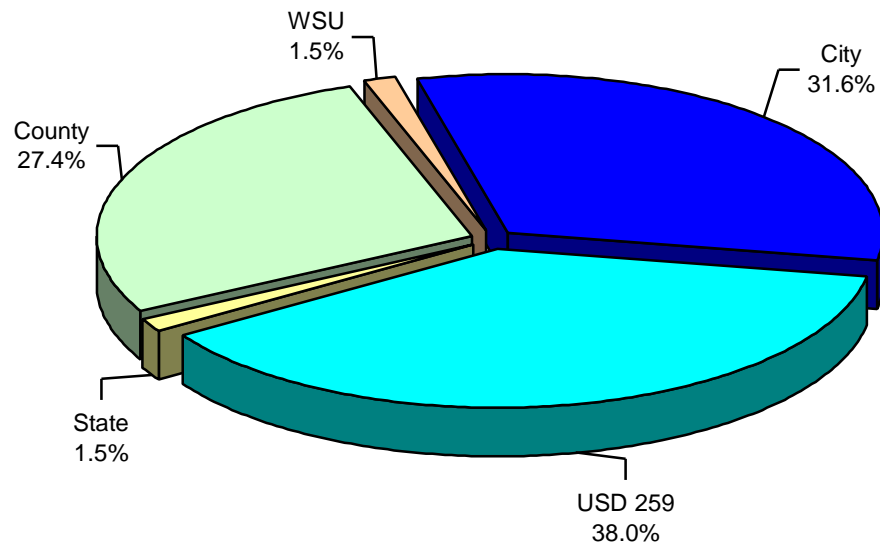
Market Value	X	Assessment Ratio	X	City Tax Levy Rate	=	Estimated City Taxes Due
\$50,000	X	11.5%	X	0.031253	=	\$180
\$75,000	X	11.5%	X	0.031253	=	\$270
\$100,000	X	11.5%	X	0.031253	=	\$359

The assessed value is the market value times the classification rate. For example, the assessed value of a \$50,000 home (for purposes of taxation) is \$50,000 times 11.5%, or \$5,750.

The City mill levy, plus the taxes for other taxing districts (Sedgwick County, USD #259, and the state), comprise the Wichita residential property owners local tax obligation. For the 2000 budget year, most Wichita residential property owners will be assessed (assuming no increase in other taxing district levy rates) at the estimated rate below:

Taxing District	Tax Levy Rate (est)	Percent of Total
City of Wichita	31.253	32%
Sedgwick County	28.610	29%
U.S.D. 259	37.530	38%
State	1.500	1%
Total	98.893	100%

Mill Levy for Wichita Residential Property Owner
1999 Estimated Taxes for 2000 Budget
 (Assumes no increase in other taxing district levy rates.)



Annual Increase in Assessed Valuation for the City of Wichita

Tax Year	Budget Year	Assessed Value (millions)	Annual Change (%)
1993	1994	1,489.3	-1.5
1994	1995	1,528.8	2.7
1995	1996	1,545.8	1.1
1996	1997	1,604.2	3.8
1997	1998	1,676.8	4.5
1998	1999	1,759.2	5.0
1999 Est*	2000	1,908.3	8.4

* Assessed value is the estimated value provided by the Sedgwick County Appraiser